

Coventry Fire District/AFD Board of Directors

January 12, 2008

Meeting of the Coventry Fire District Board of Directors

571 Washington Street, Coventry, RI 02816

Board members in attendance

Gary Cote, Patricia Lefebvre, Shirley Matthews, Ed Webster, Jim Beckman

Clerk Keith Calci

Minutes of the meeting:

7:10 PM meeting started

1. Board of Directors Update & Discussion

Gary stated tax collections from 12/07-01/09/08 of \$135,610.54.

Gary reported that the tax assessors had their annual meeting to set the tax levy and as expected there is no residential tax increase, a .01 increase for commercial and no change for tangibles.

Gary reported that Domenic Terracciano has also verbally resigned from his tax assessor position and also removed himself from the merger selection committee. Gary thanked Mr. Terracciano for all his

work over the past year, awaiting formal letter of resignation.

Gary reported that the district purchased a 12-lead Zoll Monitor/Defibrillator, thanked Pvt. Derosa for all his work raising funds for this purchase.

Gary and Shirley reported on the ongoing negotiations with Coventry Minimum housing about possibly purchasing the house next door. House needs to be tied into the sewer because the septic system is no good. Shirley reported that the agent who did the market analysis on the property did so with the agreement that she would get the listing, so if the house gets sold to minimum housing we may have to pay for the analysis.

Gary makes a motion, Motion that Shirley Matthews is given the authority to handle any correspondence and legal paperwork or documents that have to be signed on behalf of the property next door that we are currently trying to sell, to use for capitol improvements of this building. Seconded by Ed, all board members were in favor. Motion passes.

Shirley reported on the Hazardous materials that the district is trying to get rid of. A gentleman from Battle Creek Michigan has been helpful however that gentleman from Rhode Island, Bob Pisatoro, has not. The suggestion was made to get an estimate for clean up. RI DEM has been very understanding by not fining the district as this point. Gary stated that because of the hazard to the sounding

community, this needs to be addressed. Gary asked Shirley to call for estimates this week and get back to him by next week.

Gary reported that he received a letter from Capaldi regarding the legislative changes to the charter, that he contacted the legislature. Also, the contract for the \$20,000 annual retainer was enclosed; Gary is signing and returning that.

2. Public Comment & Discussion

Mr. Budziac suggested that the district try to contact Mike Sullivan from the Dem about the Haz-Mat issue.

3. Executive session

Gary made a motion, Chair moves that Pursuant to RI Gen Laws Section 42-46-5 (A) – 1 Personnel that this public body convene in Executive Session to discuss the job performance of an employee. This individual has been notified in writing that this public body intends to convene in Executive Session in order to discuss his job performance. He had declined to have this discussion take place in open session. And also in accordance with RI Gen Laws Section 42-46-5 (A) – 2 Pending Litigation. Ed seconded the motion, all members were in favor, motion passes.

4. Meeting now moves into executive session

5. Adjournment from Executive session return to open meeting.

8:50PM Gary opens meeting to the public. Ed makes a motion, Motion to seal the Executive session minutes, Patricia seconded, all were in favor, motion passes.

6. Adjournment from open meeting

Shirley makes a motion, Motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ed, all were in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM